

Exhibit 2

1 STATEMENT OF: Corporal Garrett Maxwell, #354
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3 REFERENCE: Internal Affairs Investigation 20-0033
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5 DATE: Friday, December 4, 2020, 10:30 a.m.
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7 PRESENT: Professional Standards Sergeant Brian Torum, #320
8 Administrative Sergeant Rob Peterson, #321
9 Corporal Garrett Maxwell, #354
10 David Garcia, Goyette and Associates
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12 LOCATION: Enterprise Park Conference Room, Redding City Hall
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14 Transcribed by: M. Dotson
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16 BT: Brian Torum
17 RP: Rob Peterson
18 GM: Garrett Maxwell
19 DG: David Garcia
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21 BT: And I'm recording. Okay, the date is Friday, December 4, 2020. The time is 10:30
22 a.m. My name is Sergeant Brian Torum. Also present are
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24 RP: Sergeant Rob Peterson.
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26 DG: David Garcia with Goyette and Associates.
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28 GM: Corporal Garrett Maxwell with the Redding Police Department.
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30 BT: We are at the Enterprise Park Conference Room in Redding City Hall to discuss IA
31 #20-0033. Corporal Maxwell, are you aware this interview is being recorded?
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33 GM: Yes, I am.
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35 BT: Okay, you are advised that your rights are fully stated in the Public Safety Officers
36 Procedural Bill of Rights Act, Government Code sections 3300 through 3311. Are you
37 aware of these rights?
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39 GM: Yes, I am.
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41 BT: The California Supreme Court in interpreting Government Code sections 3303(e),
42 3303(g), and 3304(a) state an officer must be given Miranda Rights when it is
43 possible he or she could be charged with a criminal offense. You have the right to
44 remain silent. Anything you say can be used against you in a court of law. You have
45 the right to talk to an attorney and have them present with you while you are being
46 questioned. If you cannot afford an attorney, one will be appointed to represent you
47 before any questioning, if you wish one. If you under....excuse me....do you

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377 BT: So, in your mind she's free to leave at that point?
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379 GM: At that point, while I don't like the idea of it, it was the lesser of two evils, if you can
380 call it that.
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382 BT: Okay, did you think it was the safest thing to do at the time?
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384 GM: I did. I felt based on the surroundings it was the most prudent thing.
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386 BT: Okay, so had the female backed up all the way out and driven towards the exit of
387 Discovery Village, would you have done anything to stop her from doing it?
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389 GM: Not right then and there at that point. We may have followed her to a safe location,
390 try a traffic stop and see where it went from there, but in a heavily populated business
391 district I wasn't willing to have that occur right there.
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393 BT: So, at the point only when she is backing up, did you perceive any threats from her?
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395 GM: Um, during the initial calm backing maneuver, not to my life at that point, no.
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397 BT: Okay. You mentioned that she, um, she tried to hit you, or run you guys over, so
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399 GM: Correct.
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401 BT: um, I've seen the video. Obviously you've talked about the video already and I know
402 at some point the car drives forward.
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404 GM: Correct.
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406 BT: So, and then you mentioned that she tried to hit you as well, so, when the female
407 went from a backing movement into a forward movement where were you guys
408 positioned, you and Officer Bruce positioned?
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410 GM: We were both, uh, near the front of that car near the direction of its travel when it
411 lurched towards us.
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413 BT: And did you hear anything when the vehicle moved?
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415 GM: As far as?
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417 BT: So like did you hear a revving engine or a, you know, the sounds associated with
418 accelerating cars, like screeching tires, a revving engine?
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420 GM: It wasn't like she floored it. There was, it was obvious to me that the vehicle lurched
421 forward. It was very unnatural considering the context of where that, again, there was
422 ample space for her to just cautiously back out. There was room for her to depart.
423 She stopped that backing maneuver when her vehicle was facing directly at us, put it

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565 BT: Why do you think he was doing that, in your experience?

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567 GM: He was trying to one, get through the window to gain control of the suspect. Uh, I
568 know the intent of that would be to one, immediate affect her arrest, prevent her from
569 leaving, but also to mitigate any additional risk to bystanders and people in the area.

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571 BT: After you slashed her tire, or you poked her tire, and Officer Bruce was there, um,
572 trying to break her window, um, describe, describe what happened, what you did after
573 that.

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575 GM: So, I was facing, uh, kind of down and away from Officer Bruce towards the rear of
576 that tire. When I slashed the tire, that was effective. I began to put my knife away
577 and as I began to back off and turn I saw Officer Bruce pinned in a face-down manner
578 being crushed by the front left wheel and tire of that car.

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580 BT: So, did you believe he had injuries?

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582 GM: I knew he had injuries. He, uh, had this look on his face of absolute panic.

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584 BT: So, after you saw him in that area, you had poked the tire and transitioned. Uh, did
585 you, what did you do?

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587 GM: So, I moved back kind of towards Officer Bruce, wanted to get a, my immediate
588 concern was to get a view of the driver. I had drawn my handgun by this point. Um,
589 Officer Bruce was again pinned. He was not, it wasn't like he had been run over and
590 was able to get out of that position. He was actively being crushed by that tire. He
591 was not able to get out of that position. The only thing I could do at that point, based
592 on the context of that scenario, was to utilize force on that female driver to prevent her
593 from running him over further.

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595 BT: Was there time between when you drew your firearm and when you made the
596 decision to fire?

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598 GM: There was a gap of time from when I drew, uh, my firearm to when I engaged, and
599 during that cycle I assessed Officer Bruce, I assessed the intent of the female, kind of
600 like I discussed earlier. There was no, absolutely no signs of this is an accident.
601 This, in my mind, based on one, the context of our initial interaction, her attempting to
602 run us over, and then seeing that same aggressive, uh, angry demeanor on her face
603 as she continued to manipulate that car, it was very clear to me that her intent was
604 not to stop and help us render aid to Officer Bruce. She was clearly going to drive
605 over him and my fear was that not only one, she was actively hurting and injuring him
606 significantly, but was that she was going to turn those wheels, grind his legs further
607 into the concrete or pavement and run him over and the natural path of travel for that
608 to occur would have been to make a left turn, which would have put not only that tire
609 crushing his legs further, but the rear wheel would have basically swept right over his
610 head and upper torso and crushed and killed him.

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612 BT: And so, uh, I just want to make sure I get it, from the time that you poked her tire to
613 the time that you had your firearm out and decided to fire, was there, can you
614 estimate an amount of time between?
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616 GM: It would have been, when I got to the window and made the assessment to drawing
617 and engaging the female, it would have been probably between three and five
618 seconds.
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620 BT: Did you say anything to her at the time?
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622 GM: I did not have time.
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624 BT: You described that she was, she was making motions to, um, to manipulate the car.
625 Can you describe what those were?
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627 GM: She had, she was controlling the steering wheel, uh, it appears that she had a hand
628 near the gear shift, um, and at some point that vehicle lurched as if it was going to
629 continue motion.
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631 BT: If you hadn't done, if you hadn't shot the female, what do you believe could have
632 happened, and then just, you've talked about it, but I just want to make this the point
633 that we reiterate what you believe what would have happened.
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635 GM: I believe that Officer Bruce would have been killed by that female. He would have
636 been run over and crushed into the ground.
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638 BT: Okay. So, um, I'm gonna go back and just ask some generalized questions about the
639 incident.
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641 GM: Sure.
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643 BT: You both made contact with the female and, not both made contact with her, but
644 when you both arrived and you were speaking with the security guard and Officer
645 Bruce was speaking with the female, if she had just left at that point, would, would you
646 have been forced to shoot her?
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648 GM: Absolutely not.
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650 BT: If the female had stopped and complied after driving forward in your guys' direction,
651 would any of this have happened? Would you have had to use your firearm?
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653 GM: Likely no.
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655 BT: If the female after striking Officer Bruce had clearly not been manipulating her car, or
656 looked like she was going to comply, would you have had to use your firearm against
657 her?
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659 GM: No.
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661 BT: Um, Corporal Maxwell, how long have you been an Officer?
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663 GM: I started my law enforcement career in 2000.
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665 BT: In 2000?
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667 GM: 2008.
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669 BT: 2008.
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671 GM: Yes Sir.
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673 BT: And what agency was that with?
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675 GM: Uh, it was with the Anderson Police Department.
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677 BT: And then is the Redding Police Department the only other agency you've worked for?
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679 GM: Yes.
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681 BT: So approximately twelve years in law enforcement?
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683 GM: Yes Sir.
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685 BT: Do you have any type of specialized training or experience?
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687 GM: I do.
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689 BT: And can you describe, uh, what those, what that specialized training is?
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691 GM: A significant part of my experience revolves around the tactical side of law enforcement. I'm a, I've been to Basic SWAT School. I'm currently on our SWAT team, have been for quite a few years. I've been to a lot of additional trainings within that context, um, that have to do with a lot of the tactics that we employ in law enforcement. Another significant portion of my career I've spent as a department Firearms Instructor. Um, I've also been a Defensive Tactics Instructor, a Taser Instructor, um, I've worked within our Neighborhood Police Unit, which at the time I spent a significant part of that conducting tactical operations with our agency. Um, I was further assigned to our narcotics task force as an investigator where we conducted a lot of different drug related investigations, but a lot of that revolved around, uh, the use of tactics within the confines of law enforcement. Currently I'm a Patrol Corporal with our agency. Um, and over my years of experience within this community I've been involved in, uh, quite a few different types of critical incidents. Is there anything other specific training that you're looking for information on?
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